Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, January 18th, 1883.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the City Clerk's office last night. There were present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Stringer, Skinner, Browne, Becher, Boyd, and Moore.

His Worship explained the object of the meeting, stating that a communication had been received from Mr. W. R. Meredith, M. P. P., recommending the Council to appoint a deputation to proceed to Toronto to promote the passage of the $200,000 Debenture Bill and the London Junction Bonus Bill. It was expected that the Bills would be brought before the Committee on Friday next.

Ald. Hyman moved that the deputation consist of Aldermen Birrell, Becher, and himself. Ald. Hunt seconded. Carried.

Ald. Stringer moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that whereas in 1877 the corporation of the city of London passed a by-law granting to the London Gas Company the right to lay gas mains through the public streets; also a contract to the said Company to light the street lamps and corporation buildings for a term of five years, a clause was inserted in the by-law binding said Company to supply citizens with gas at the rate of $1.50 per 1,000 feet, the object of the Corporation in granting the privilege to the London Gas Light Company was to secure cheap gas for the citizens and the breaking up of a gas monopoly; be it resolved, that this Council request the City Solicitor to endeavor to have a clause inserted in the Bill about to be presented to the Ontario Legislature for the amalgamation of the two gas companies to secure to the citizens the same privilege as the said by-law secured for them, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City Solicitor. Carried.

Tthe Board adjourned.